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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Jeremiah Wayne Johnson,

Defendant.

No. CR-04-01026-001-PHX-MTL CR-13-00342-001-PHX-MTL

## **ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Defendant Jeremiah Wayne Johnson's *pro se* Motion to Secure Appearance for Revocation of Supervised Release Proceedings (CR-04-01026-PHX-MTL, Doc. 69; CR-13-00342-PHX-MTL, Doc. 43). The Government has filed a Response. (Docs. 72 and 47, respectively). For the following reasons, the motion is denied.<sup>1</sup>

I.

On March 27, 2006, Defendant was sentenced to 121 months of imprisonment, followed by 60 months of supervised release, for committing second degree murder in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 111. (CR-04-1026, Doc. 45.) Defendant's supervised release was set to begin on January 2, 2014. On June 24, 2013, while still serving his original sentence, Defendant was sentenced to seven additional months of imprisonment, to run consecutively to the remainder of his original sentence, for escaping from custody in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 751(a) and 4082(a). (CR-13-0342, Doc. 20.) The imprisonment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Neither party has requested oral argument. Both parties have submitted legal memoranda and oral argument would not have aided the Court's decisional process. *See Partridge v. Reich*, 141 F.3d 920, 926 (9th Cir. 1998); see also LRCiv 7.2(f); Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b).

term was to be followed by 36 months of supervised release. (Id.)

On March 10, 2014, the U.S. Probation Office filed a petition to revoke supervised release in both cases. (CR-04-1026, Doc. 48; CR-13-0342, Doc. 24.) On May 15, 2014, United States District Judge Neil V. Wake revoked Defendant's supervised release. (CR-13-0342, Doc. 36.) Judge Wake also sentenced Defendant to a term of five additional months of imprisonment, to run concurrently to the disposition imposed in CR-04-01026-PHX. Judge Wake further ordered that upon release from the Bureau of Prisons, Defendant would be placed on supervised release for a term of 52 months in CR-040-1026 (Doc. 61), and a term of 28 months in CR-13-0342 (Doc. 36). Defendant's terms of supervised release began on August 18, 2014. (CR-13-0342, Doc. 46 at 7.)

On February 2, 2015, during the term of supervised release, Defendant was convicted of promoting prison contraband by the Yavapai County Superior Court. He was sentenced to 6.5 years of imprisonment in the Arizona Department of Corrections. Defendant's state sentence is set to expire on March 8, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

As a result of this conviction and other stated reasons, on August 17, 2015, the U.S. Probation Office filed a second petition to revoke Defendant's supervised release in both district court cases. (CR-13-0342, Doc. 46.) An arrest warrant for the supervised release violation petition was issued the next day. (*Id.*) The Government asserts that upon Defendant's release from the Arizona Department of Corrections in March 2021, the U.S. Marshal's Service will take custody of Defendant and execute the warrant, "at which time Defendant will appear before this Court to address the underlying petitions to revoke supervised release." (Doc. 72 at 2.)

Defendant filed the instant motion on July 24, 2020. (CR-04-1026, Doc. 69; CR-13-0342, Doc. 43.) The Government filed a response. (CR-04-1026, Doc. 72; CR-13-0342, Doc. 47.) Defendant has not timely filed a reply.

II.

Defendant moves the Court to "order the secured appearance of the defendant, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See *Inmate Database*, Arizona Department of Corrections, https://corrections.az.gov/public-resources/inmate-datasearch (last visited Oct. 26, 2020).

further order a reasonable federal prison term concurrent with the Arizona State prison term currently being to secure the United States Constitutional guarantees that are currently being deprived as a result." (CR-04-1026, Doc. 69 at 3; CR-13-0342, Doc. 43 at 3.) The Court understands Defendant to request that he be brought into federal custody to address the supervised release petitions while he is still serving his state sentence.

Relevant authorities do not permit this relief. Defendant's right to a revocation hearing "arises under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment." *United States v. Santana*, 526 F.3d 1257, 1259 (9th Cir. 2008). It "has been formalized in Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.1." *Id.* The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure "do not apply in state court proceedings." *Thompson v. Ryan*, No. CV1200766TUCDCBBGM, 2015 WL 4603744, at \*19 (D. Ariz. July 31, 2015), report and recommendation adopted, No. CV-12-00766-TUC-DCB, 2016 WL 126293 (D. Ariz. Jan. 12, 2016). *See also* Fed. R. Crim. P. 1(a)(1) ("These rules govern the procedure in all criminal proceedings in the United States district courts, the United States courts of appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.") As the Government notes, "Defendant is not being held in custody for violating the terms of his supervised release; he is being held in custody for violating Arizona state law." (CR-04-1026, Doc. 72 at 3; CR-13-0342, Doc. 47 at 3.)

Further, case law specifically holds that a defendant does not have the right to accelerate the adjudication of his federal supervised released violation while incarcerated on state charges. As the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recognized in *United States v. Garrett*, 253 F.3d 443 (9th Cir. 2001), to hold that the federal government is required to writ a defendant out of state custody to bring him before the federal district court would be an "obvious problem." *Id.* at 450. The relevant statute, 18 U.S.C. § 3583(i), "imposes no such duty on the federal government, nor has any court imposed such a duty." *Id.* In addition, the court was "mindful of the fact that requiring the federal government to writ a defendant out of state custody for a supervised release revocation hearing could prove extremely burdensome." *Id. See also United States v. Ahmadzai*, 723 F.3d 1089, 1094 (9th Cir. 2013) (defendant's "period of state custody automatically tolled his term of supervised

1	release"); United States v. Esqueda-Ceras, No. 3:07-CR-00131-KI, 2017 WL 558004, at
2	*2 (D. Or. Feb. 10, 2017) ("Indeed, the Court may await a defendant's release from state
3	custody to adjudicate the violation of defendant's supervised release rather than writ him
4	out of state custody.") For all of these reasons, the Court will deny Defendant's motion.
5	III.
6	Accordingly,
7	IT IS ORDERED denying Defendant's Motion to Secure Appearance for
8	Revocation of Supervised Release Proceedings (CR-04-01026-PHX-MTL, Doc. 69; CR-
9	13-00342-PHX-MTL, Doc. 43).
10	Dated this 26th day of October, 2020.
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14	United States District Judge
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